

General Info & Policies for PSC Activities

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TERMINOLOGY: PSC offers a wide range of "trips," "activities" and "events." Most of the following policies are applicable to all three categories. If in doubt, check with the Trip/Activity/Event Leader.

RESPONSIBILITY: Activities offered by PSC may involve some risk to participants. As a member of PSC you acknowledged and assumed this risk when you signed your membership application. Guests must sign the PSC waiver of liability.

SIGN-UPS: Read the trip advertisement carefully. Note what is included and excluded in trip price. Fill in all information requested on the signup coupon. Add any information which may be relevant (best time to call, special problems, requirements, preferences). Indicate if you plan to travel independently.

Send in coupon, and initial payment, as early as possible. Valid sign-ups will be accepted in order received. A member may bring 1 guest on a day trip/event. A guest has the same priority as the member.

It is each participant's responsibility to confirm his/her status on the trip, and to stay in touch with the trip leader.

MEMBERSHIP: To participate in PSC activities, members must be in good standing at signup and during the trip/event. Good standing requires promptly meeting all financial obligations to PSC, in good faith and in a timely manner. All overnight trips require Club membership. Guests can only attend day trips.

PAYMENTS: Payment amounts and dates must be as indicated in the trip advertisement. Make checks payable to PSC. Members are financially responsible for liabilities generated by their guests.

CANCELLATIONS: A member or guest who signs up for an event and then cancels before the published deadline shall owe a cancellation penalty of \$2.00 for each day of the event, unless otherwise stated in the advertisement. A member or guest who cancels after the deadline (regardless of the signup date) shall be liable for up to the full cost of the event, but limited to the actual loss sustained by the Club as a result of the cancellation. The minimum penalty shall be \$2.00 for each day of the event. In the case of multiple cancellations after the deadline, all those who cancel will share equally in the losses. There are no excusable cancellations. In very unusual circumstances, an event may be cancelled after the cancellation date. In such cases, all persons who were on the trip roster shall share equally in the financial loss (if any). If this occurs, every effort will be made to minimize the loss to participants, and PSC may assume a portion of this loss.

MINORS: Persons under 18 are not permitted on a trip unless accompanied by either a parent or an approved parent substitute over 21 years of age. A parent substitute must be approved by the trip leader prior to the trip. Additionally, the parent substitute must have a medical care authorization note signed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor. Minors under 12 are expected to room with their parent or parent substitute, and that person must be responsible for the child's behavior throughout the trip.

TRIP ELEGIBILITY: It is expected that PSC trip participants have the physical and mental capacity to participate in a manner that is safe to themselves and others. Participants having limitations must alert the trip leader in advance, so that appropriate arrangements, if possible, can be made. If a participant shows up for a trip with a previously undisclosed condition or disability that could jeopardize his or her own safety or the safety of others, that person may be denied access to the trip and may not be eligible for a refund.

CAR TRIPS: PSC will not arrange car pools for liability reasons, but we do provide the names of willing drivers to potential riders. It is a good idea to discuss all arrangements before the trip. Maps, cell phone, and destination phone # may be useful.

BUS TRIPS: Usual departure is from Woodlot Park, or Trenton-Mercer Airport parking lot. You must be punctual at the start of the trip and at all subsequent bus departures. Skis and poles should be in a ski bag or, strapped securely together. Keep skis separate from boots and luggage, and put visible identification on them all. Make it a point to volunteer for at least one task during the ride.

REMEMBER!!! Trip leaders and coordinators put a lot of effort into planning and running a trip. They deserve your full appreciation. Please be as cooperative as possible and help trips and trip leaders at every opportunity.

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